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In re the Application of

Cioffi et al. (TI-27725.3)

Conf. No. 3512

Serial No. 10/051,593

Group Art Unit: 2662

Filed: January 17, 2002

Examiner:

For: Method and Apparatus for Coordinating Multi-Point to Point Communications in a Multi-Tone Data Transmission System

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Introductory Comments:

Please amend this application, prior to its examination, as set forth in this paper. Entry of this amendment, and favorable reconsideration of this application, based on the following amendment and accompanying remarks is respectfully requested.

Amendment to the specification begins on page 2.

Applicants' remarks begin on page 3.